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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2004 (Paper No. 8) was due by May 5, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to June 7, 2004 (June 5, 2004 being a Saturday). Please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of this Amendment.

In response to Paper No. 8, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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